Private Flying

FROM the CLUBS and SCHOOLS

YORKSHIRE

CLUB aircraft flew 25 hr. 35 min. during the week, and flights were made to Heston and Scarborough. Mr. Leach has gone solo.

REDHILL

Four new members joined last week, and the flying times amounted to 54 hr. 30 min. An Aeronca demonstration will be given to-day.

LONDON

The flying time for last week was 90 hr. 59 min. New members include Messrs. E. D. Brierly, D. Broom, O. M. Ryan, B. Cartwright, G. H. Woodhouse and G. P. Moss.

YORK AND LEEMING

Hours for the month to the 25th totalled 92 hr. 15 min. Messrs. R. Barwick, Gomersal and Pinches have joined as flying members, while Mr. Duncan Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Gladish have joined as club members. Mr. Barroclough made his first solo.

CAMBRIDGE

Flying times at Marshalls' Flying School for the week ended April 25 totalled 76 hr. 10 min. Messrs. Pringle, Timpson and Fuller have joined the School. Mr. Wallis has passed the cross-country and the general flying tests for his "B" licence.

SOUTH COAST

Rather better weather enabled some 36 hours' flying to be done at the Club—including several cross-countries. Mr. Legge and Mr. Foord have started flying, and Mr. Howell has passed the test for his licence. There is one new member—Mr. G. T. Boutall.

KENT

New members are Messrs. Harvey, Love and Atkins, who have already started flying instruction. The Praga, which is on loan to the Club, is proving very popular with the members. Coronation Air Displays are performing at Bekesbourne aerodrome on May 6.

C. A. S. C.

During last week-end improved weather conditions at Cambridge produced two first solos, those of Messrs. A. G. Drew and E. K. Gabb. The total flying time was 10 hr. 30 min. Mr. E. B. Driscoll has taken his first flight to qualify for probationary membership of the Corps.

MIDLAND

For the week ended April 23 flying times totalled 9 hours dual and 9 hr. 35 min. solo and passenger. New members who have joined during the week are Messrs. R. W. D. Danielsen and D. Onions (flying), and Mrs. D. W. Anger and Mr. A. W. Seedhouse (ordinary).

NOTTINGHAM

The total flying time for the week ended April 15 was 23 hr. 45 min. with three machines in service. Cross-country flights were made to a number of aerodromes and eighteen machines visited Tollerton. Miss Hazel Phillips and Miss E. Richardson have joined the Club as associate members.

HANWORTH

Members of the London Air Park Flying Club flew 94 hr. 55 min. during the week. New members are Mr. Dunphy, Mr. Smithyman, (a Canadian member of the Air League of the British Empire), Mr. Tressler and Mr. Brown. Mr. F. Reekie has passed his "A" licence tests, while Mr. Welsh has gone solo.

SOUTHEND

As from May 1 the Club will be flying seven days a week and will not be closed on Mondays as heretofore. An extensive programme has been arranged for Coronation week, including daily flights over the Fleet. Last week was an excellent one for flying and the machines were kept busy the whole time.

YAPTON

Flying times for April to the 24th were 99 hr. 30 min., the weather being very good. Visitors included the Duke of Richmond in his Autoplane and Mr. Christopher Clarkson in a Vega Gull. New flying members are Mrs. D. Speranza and Messrs. I. S. C. Henderson and Arthur Gadie, all are taking the £15 "A" licence course. Mr. Dennis Holland has obtained his "B" licence and Mr. R. F. Aitken his "A."

CINQUE PORTS

During the week Mr. Brand successfully passed his final tests at Hendon and is now a fully qualified "B" licence pilot, while Mr. R. M. Hackney has started his tests by completing the cross-country flight from Lympne. A new member to join the Club is Mr. Wallace, who is taking his "B" licence. The workshop have taken on extra labour in order to cope with the increase of C. of A. work on private owners' machines.

NORFOLK AND NORWICH

The improved flying conditions, coupled with the longer evenings, have brought an influx of flying members, and on Saturday, April 24, no less than 15 hr. 35 min. were recorded. Mr. Robertson, of the commercial school, has passed his "A" licence tests, and Mr. L. Fawcett has gone solo. The entries for the Public School Boys' Aviation Camp continue to increase, and it would seem that a record number of boys is to be expected during the period of a month in which the camp will be open.

BROOKLANDS

Club machines flew 115 hours last week. Flt. Lt. Bremridge, A.F.C., is taking over the management of the sales department as from April 26. Machines demonstrated during the week were the Vega Gull, Porterfield and Wicko, while an interesting visitor was the Zlin of the Bata Shoe Factory, Czechoslovakia. On Sunday next, May 2, the Brooklands Flying Club is doing its share of Coronation entertaining. A party of fifty overseas visitors are being brought down to look round the aerodrome premises and be entertained to tea by the Club. The cross-country competition was won by Mr. Symondson.

KARACHI

Flying times in March reached the gratifying figure of 268 hr. 40 min. It is noteworthy that this includes a considerable amount of night flying, i.e., 11 hr. 35 min. dual and 21 hr. 15 min. solo, and also that cross-country flights totalled 27 hr. 20 min. Mr. Chitamber has successfully completed his training as a pilot instructor, and Mr. V. R. Jadhav has passed his "A" licence tests. Two officers of the Civil Aviation Department visited Karachi to discuss pending matters in connection with the seaplane base to be constructed at Keamari; they inspected the site for the base by night flying in the Club's aircraft, while the aerodrome officer carried out night flying for the inspection of the aerodrome lighting system at Drigh Road.

BORDER

The event of major importance during the week was the Dawn Patrol last Sunday, which was a great success in every way. The weather was absolutely perfect, and attacking machines came from Edinburgh, Newtownards, Liverpool, Wallasey, Sherburn, Woodford and Yeadon. The defending aircraft were the three machines of the Border Flying Club, a Hillson Praga from Liverpool, a Taylor Cub from Peterborough, and the Miles Whitney Straight with Maya engine. Of the defenders the slower machines circled the airport about two miles away, medium-fast machines about five miles away, the Straight covered the northern section outside the ring, and the Club Hornet covered the southern section outside the ring. This defensive scheme worked well, and all but one of the attackers had their numbers taken. Over sixty people sat down to breakfast. The Civic Flight, organised by Mr. Harold Carr, the president, was also very successful. This year the party flew to Belfast, where they were entertained to lunch by the Lord Mayor and afterwards shown the sights. New members are Mrs. Henderson and Mr. J. T. Wills.

From the "Popular" Angle

The Airman and the Air. By A. B. Fielding. Price 5s., Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons, Ltd.

THE author deals with some of the less common aspects of "popular" aeronautics, and interesting information is contained in the early chapters on air, wind, clouds, and weather and bird and insect flight. The design and construction of aircraft and engines are reviewed from the elementary angle, and news items and historical facts pop up here and there. The book concludes with a short list of flying terms and notes on outstanding flights of the world.

More Ground Training

IN the past few weeks two other pupils have joined Mr. Rawnsley, of the County Flying Club, as ground-trained pioneers. These are Messrs. C. St. L. Jervis and W. M. Fraser—the latter being the secretary of the club. Both have reached the stage of carrying out flights up to half-an-hour's duration and up to a height of 1,000ft., and each has been through the normal Kronfeld ground trainer and flying trainer course.

The club charges 10s. an hour for the trainer and 15s. an hour for the Drone, so—since they have each had an average of 3 hours on the ground trainer, 2½ hours on the flying trainer and 2 hours on the Drone—their flying expenses have totalled £4 5s. in all. Which can hardly be considered excessive.